Part 573 Safety Recall Report

15T-003

Manufacturer Name : Toyo Tire Holdings Of Americas Inc.
Submission Date : FEB 04,2015
NHTSA Recall No. : 15T-003
Manufacturer Recall No. : NR

Manufacturer Information :

Manufacturer Name : Toyo Tire Holdings Of Americas Inc.
Address : 5900A Katella Avenue
Suite200 Cypress CA 90630
Company phone : 562-431-6502

Population :

Number of potentially involved : 138
Estimated percentage with defect : 1

Tire Information :

Tire Brand : Toyo
Tire Line : Open Country M/T
Tire Size : 40X15.5R22 127Q
Descriptive Information : Light Truck tires sold exclusively in the replacement market and intended for installation on full sizes pick-up trucks.
Production Dates : OCT 26, 2014 - NOV 01, 2014

TIN (Tire Identification Number)

Plant ID	Size code	OptionalCode	Begin M Code:	End M Code
CX	PC	EV7	4314	4314

Description of Defect :

Description of the Defect : Due to a production error, the subject tires were produced with off center belts.
Description of the Safety Risk : If undetected, this condition may contribute to a tread separation and/or loss of inflation pressure.
Description of the Cause : A production error resulted in the tires being produced with off center belts.
Identification of Any Warning that can Occur : Drivers may experience pull, vibration and/or uneven tire wear during early stages of separation.

Supplier Identification :

Component Manufacturer

Name : NR
Address : NR
FOREIGN STATES
Country : NR

Chronology :

- 11/07/2014 –Toyo Japan's Sendai plant identified a manufacturing malfunction that affected tires in transit to Toyo USA
- 11/10/ 2014 – Toyo Japan instructed Toyo USA to contain shipments of tires (multiple containers) from Sendai upon their arrival and to inspect for/quarantine suspect product
- 01/09/2015 – Toyo conducted inspections to identify and contain the suspect tires
- 01/28/2015 – Toyo determined that its prior inspection missed a small quantity of suspect tires and that those tires may have been shipped to dealers; In-transit shipments were contained and Toyo decided to initiate this action to recover tires that left Toyo's control
- 01/30/2015 – Toyo dealers were instructed to hold inventory

Description of Remedy :

Description of Remedy Program : Toyo will conduct a voluntary recall of the subject tires. Dealers will be contacted to hold the inventory. If any tires were sold to consumers, tire owners will be contacted and asked to bring their vehicle/tires in for replacement at no cost. Consumers who registered their tires will be notified directly by mail. For those consumers who did not register their tires, customer information will be provided by the independent dealers or distributors, where available. This program to provide remedy tires without charge to the consumer will be conducted through June 1, 2015. Dealers performing the replacement of recalled tires will be notified of their responsibilities in accordance with 49 CFR Part 573.6(c) (9). Dealers will be instructed to return recalled tires directly to Toyo.

How Remedy Component Differs from Recalled Component : Tires produced before and after serial week 4314 are not affected by this condition.

Identify How/When Recall Condition was Corrected in Production : On October 30, 2014, the machine part which had malfunctioned was replaced as part of the normal manufacturing process and on January 29, 2015, preventive action was taken to inline manufacturing process monitoring.

Recall Schedule :

Description of Recall Schedule : NR

Planned Dealer Notification Date : FEB 16, 2015 - FEB 27, 2015

Planned Owner Notification Date : FEB 16, 2015 - FEB 27, 2015

Purchaser Information :

The following manufacturers purchased this defective/noncompliant equipment for possible use or installation in new motor vehicles or new items of motor vehicle equipment:

Name : NR
Address : NR
NR
Country : NR
Company Phone : NR

* NR - Not Reported